

Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch

Worksheet: Critical Dates and Target Conditions

Ranch Name _____
Date _____
Form Completed by _____

Critical dates are timely monitoring points in annual management cycles. Current and predicted forage resources are the primary focus of critical dates.

Each **critical date** should have an **action plan** which clearly states **target points** for initiating the plan.

Target points may be based on carrying capacity of current forage or a percentage of average precipitation, ie, 75%.

See "Identify Critical Dates and Targets" at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/ranchplan> for suggested critical dates by region.



Critical Date	Target Condition